

# **PAC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

June 22, 2011

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Meeting Commenced at 7:05 p.m.

## **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

This is the wish list for the teachers: cd players, screens, blue ray player, LCD projector, flat screens, carts (2), front row sound system.

Motion brought forward by Rhylin to give \$6,000 to the school for their use to purchase the above, with a priority to front row sound systems. Seconded by Rishma.

Deadline to spend surplus money is November 2011.

## **PROPOSED BUDGET**

Main purpose of the meeting is to approve the budget for next year, and

Budget review (attachment distributed)

- Still invoices coming in. Estimating that hot lunch profit will be slightly lower than last year. Profits went down this year because we were paying HST this year and prices did not go up. Rishma feels that the profits will probably be about the same, budgeting 10K next year profit (vs. 11K this year)
- Profit ~\$2200 for popcorn sales – Adrienne will continue with this next year.
- Budgeting ~\$5K for carnival revenue, also revenue for sports day, movie night, etc.
- Dropped noon hour activities budget, focus more on primary kids this year.
- Pablo is going to organize spirit day again next year – keep the same budget next year (\$1K)
- New line item for library expenses - \$1500 – librarian has requested money for additional books.

The book fair is being scheduled independently of the intake interviews because they have been moved to January and parents often buy for Christmas books.

Discussed possibility of scheduling another book fair in December as well – maybe a pre-Christmas sale (possibly Usborne books) followed by a Scholastic book fair in January. Can send out materials in advance and parents can also order online if they don't want to come in. Will need to discuss this with the librarian and other staff. Committee will coordinate with the principal to see if he supports the idea.

- Earthquake committee has not spent the budget this year – going to surplus.

- Proposed to eliminate the computer refresh budget . We have a computer lab with computers that are fairly outdated + laptop carts with wireless capability . We haven't done a full inventory of what is in the school, and the district has a plan in place for the network but it isn't fully developed. We would have to buy them through the district, and it is very expensive to buy. After researching the issue, the PAC has recommended that we complete the inventory and develop a comprehensive plan for the computer upgrade before spending the additional funds.

## **SURPLUS SPENDING**

Deadline to spend surplus money moved to November 2011.

Proposal that we take the surplus money and invest it and gain some interest and then we can figure out what to do with it in November 2011.

*Note: Upon further investigation, Treasurers decided that the interest to gain on a short-term investment was too small to warrant the time involved with making it happen, so money was not invested over the summer.*

## **SAFE SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

New suggestion to create a Safe School Committee. Some of the schools do it. Grade 6 and 7 are trained to be mentors to the younger children. The following are three areas in the mentoring program:

Bring in a speaker to talk to the children about the bullying. Jimmy Jordan spoke at the private high schools in Burnaby. He projects his methods by entertainment and magic. He is expensive. He will be coming back to Burnaby in October. Teachers are on board.

Sponsor Pink Shirt Day. Have a poster contest, have wrist bands and buttons. These are the 3 topics in the first year. Next year would be a high profile speaker. We have can different speakers over the years, i.e. cyber bullying, face book accounts.

This can also be expanded to include student newspapers.

There is an extra line of \$1,500.00. We could use this amount for the speaker and \$1,500 to take the committee off the ground. Every year, we would get \$1,500 for a speaker and then every year, we would get \$1,500. Reduce earthquake committee fund and put \$500 towards this. Take out education speakers - \$1,500. They would like \$2,500. Motion – all in favour.

## **ELECTIONS**

Chairperson – Rhylin Bailie nominated and voted in

4 Members at Large – Lynn Vidler, Zena Kwan, Sandra Mankoo (photocopier), Hark Handhu – nominated and voted in

Vice Chairperson - Vacant

Secretary - Vacant

Treasurer – Sophie Cong and Rishma Sanghera nominated and voted in

DPAC – MaryAnn Giardini nominated and voted in

CPF – Cheryl Tong nominated and voted in

Past Chair – Jen Mezei

School Planning Counsel – Jen Mezei, Pablo Su and Paulina Chow-White

## **BRAIN STORMING**

We should try other ideas for fundraising i.e. pub night and family dance.

Hot Lunch – make it healthier

Birthday Book Program – Kids pick their birthday book, parents purchase the book on behalf of their child with their child's name in the book. To be put on the September 2011 agenda.

Meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m.